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Inside: ABAG in 1974 – the annual report

ABAG, MTC begin innovative study of San Mateo coast

Can the San Mateo coast be saved as a regional recreation resource? What will happen with road hazards at Devil's Slide? Can coastal communities grow in population and sustain their production of brussels sprouts and artichokes? Is it possible to spend Saturday on the beach instead of traveling to it? How can Highways 1 and 92 be made safer for passenger and emergency vehicles without leading to runaway urbanization?

These are some issues that concern residents and users of the San Mateo coastal area. ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission have begun an in-depth study of urbanization and development, recreation and transportation issues along the San Mateo coast. The two agencies are assessing regional issues and will determine what ABAG and MTC policies are most applicable to coastal development.

The ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee conducted a very productive Saturday work session-bus trip in San Mateo County last month. A full public discussion of policy al-

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Fremont Mayor Don Dillon, left, a member of the ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee, and Pacifica Councilman Grace McCarthy, representing the Central Coastal Commission, board a bus for a field study of the San Mateo coastal area.

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Citizens can learn how the system can work for them

Don't many citizens wonder how they can work effectively to change laws and administrative decisions they don't like? They'll get the chance to find out this month and in February.

Four Saturday workshops on "Making the System Work for You" will be sponsored by the Friends Committee on Legislation and ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program.

"We want to explore how the ordinary citizen, whether alone or representing a group, can lobby effectively at the local, regional, state and federal levels," said Isaiah Meyer, chairman of the Friends Committee on Legislation. "We want participants in the workshops to learn how to be more than once-a-year voters, but day-by-day participants at those levels of government which affect them most personally."

The free sessions will be held from 1-4 p.m. on January 11, 18 and 25 and February 1 in the Lurie Room of the Main Library at the San Francisco Civic Center.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained from the Friends Committee on Legislation at 752-7887 and from ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730.

Parking management and clean air

ABAG will be co-sponsoring local workshops in the next few months on a parking management plan — now being prepared to help meet federal air quality standards for the San Francisco Bay Area.

The working sessions will involve local officials, representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and ABAG.

Citizen groups and individuals will also be invited to participate in the workshops — which will cover the latest governmental regulations relating to the federal Clean Air Act.

The schedule of workshops throughout the Bay Area is being developed, and will be available shortly from ABAG's Environmental Resources Division.

ABAG to review Las Positas

A proposal to build a new community of 40,000 persons north of Livermore in Alameda County will be fully reviewed by ABAG's Regional Planning Committee.

The Executive Committee last month ratified the recommendation of an RPC panel that an intensive review of the Las Positas New Town proposal be conducted. The City of Livermore had requested the review.

The panel recommended a full ABAG review based on its findings that the project is of regional significance and potentially conflicts with adopted regional policies on urbanization, air quality, housing and land resources.

RPC is expected to complete its review of the proposal in about 90 days.

Coastal study started

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ternatives for the coast will be conducted later this winter.

Other participants in the study will be San Mateo County and its Local Agency Formation Commission, cities, state water and park agencies, the California Department of Transportation, the Central Coastal Commission and citizen groups.

Association of Bay Area Governments in 1974

ABAG tackles new problems, finds innovative solutions

In the past few years, local governments have achieved through ABAG an adopted Regional Plan, a Water, Sewerage and Drainage Plan and an Open Space Plan. Through such efforts, the Bay Area has also become the first region in the state with an Airport Systems Plan and an Ocean Coastline Plan.

In addition, ABAG and its local governments began to implement policies for managing the Bay Area's growth.

Major gains last year

But we have not stopped there. During 1974, ABAG showed new strength and responsiveness in dealing with a wide variety of physical and social planning problems.

Major accomplishments included:

— Adoption by the General Assembly of a broad economic policy resolution as part of ABAG's growth policy. The policies were drawn up by the Regional Planning Committee, headed by former Marin County Supervisor (now Assemblyman) Michael Wornum. ABAG's city-centered growth management policies were honored by an award from the Bay Area Council for "outstanding environmental enhancement."

— Publication of the *Regional Housing Plan, Phase 1,* containing important new policies to help assure the provision of adequate housing throughout the Bay Area.

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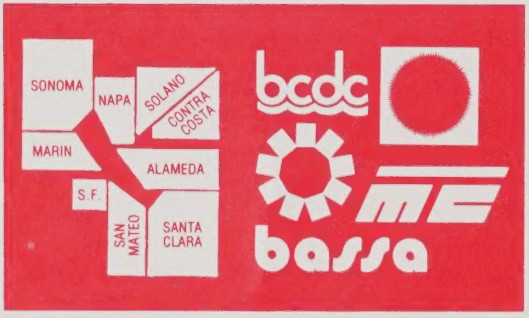
— Creation of a system of review panels to assess development proposals with a potentially significant impact on the region.

— Publication of population and employment forecasts to assist in local decisions. Reactions to this series were assessed and will be reflected in the next series of forecasts.

— Extension of the joint work program with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the California Department of Transportation, reducing duplication.

These advances were not achieved without significant, sometimes immense, effort by dedicated local officials serving on ABAG committees, as well as by the staff. Not many regional planning agencies in the nation have to deal on a day-to-day basis with a hundred local governments, many regional and sub-regional organizations, hundreds of special districts and a population greater than 36 of the nation's states.



Key legislation

ABAG helped strengthen AB 2040 by Assemblyman John Knox to implement a long-standing policy for a genuinely comprehensive regional planning agency.

The bill to consolidate ABAG with MTC, the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency, the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission passed the Assembly, but was rejected in the Senate Local Government Committee, despite strong endorsements from local governments.

ABAG anticipates similar legislative proposals in 1975. Together with officials from other regional agencies, President Warren Boggess and Executive Director Revan Tranter are working to develop recommendations on comprehensive regional planning legislation.

Housing plan

ABAG's Regional Housing Plan is an example of the serious thinking local governments are doing on regional issues. The plan and its supplementary documents were the results of two years' work by the Regional Housing Task Force, and contain policies and information that will assist local governments in applying for federal funds under the 1974 community development legislation.

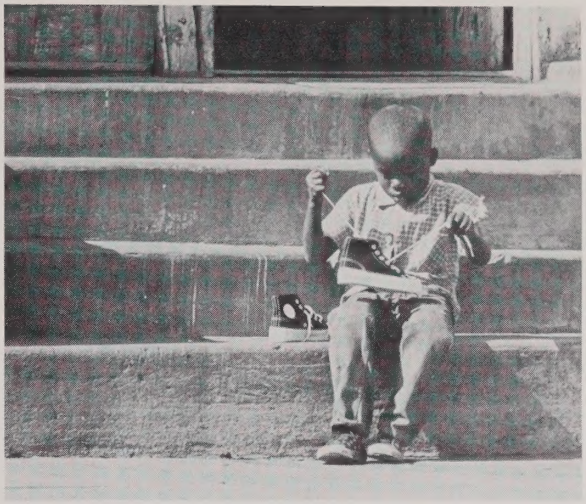
The plan recommends a "fair share" allocation system for distributing the region's housing subsidies, taking into account such critical factors as local need, fiscal capacity, environmental quality and access to employment.

ABAG last year began a partnership for designing new ways to plan and deliver human services such as employment, education, health and supportive activities. This project will enhance the ability of local government in assuming new human services responsibilities.

The project is one of several begun in the Human Services Division, which before 1974 existed only in skeleton form. Its other new projects include improved coordination between employment training programs

and job availability, health planning with the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council to assist counties in planning for emergency medical services and to improve estimates of health services needs, and criminal justice planning with county criminal justice boards.

A year ago, too, the Environmental Resources Division was embryonic. But during 1974, the division assisted the Regional Open Space Task Force in preparing Phase III of the Regional Open Space Plan Element, which represents a trend-setting and strengthened approach to environmental resources planning by describing "areas of critical environmental concern."



Other activities in the division last year included preparation—as part of the joint program with MTC—for a substantial update of the Regional Airport Systems Plan and the start of regional seaport planning. Major applied research in Sonoma County to demonstrate ways to link land use planning with air and water quality goals was begun. The study coincides with work on the county general plan and city general plans in the area.

Air quality management

ABAG joined with MTC in a cooperative effort to develop a parking management plan for the Bay Area—one method to help implement national air quality goals. Because of the likely effects of new air quality regulations on local government, ABAG expects to play an increasing role in air quality management for the Bay Area.

ABAG also co-sponsored an experimental carpool matching program for Bay Area commuters, to help meet clean air requirements and the energy crisis. Because of the concern with energy needs, the annual General Assembly considered planning strategies for energy-efficient communities. ABAG cited the City of Pittsburg for the most effective energy conservation program in the region.

Another highlight during 1974 included an award to ABAG from the American Institute of Planners for the Regional

Ocean Coastline Plan. This plan became a basis for coastal planning by the North Central Coastal Commission in Sonoma, Marin and San Francisco Counties under an agreement developed through the Ocean Coastline Planning Committee, chaired by Vice President Lenard Grote of Pleasant Hill. Under the guidance of the ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee headed by Antioch Councilman Louise Giersch, ABAG began a major study of land use and transportation issues in the San Mateo coastal corridor.

ABAG also established a new Citizen Alliance Program—now emerging as a useful way to involve the region's citizens in policy issues—and created a Citizen Services Committee headed by Newark Mayor James Balentine to oversee the program. Some of the first projects included a day-long workshop on the region's housing problems, an expedition into the foothills to learn about clear water creeks in the Bay Area's natural environment and a slide show for Spanish-speaking citizens on the planning process and how it affects their lives.

In 1974, the agency also began developing a regional information system on a variety of natural and man-made hazards such as floods, earthquakes and oil spills. The program is funded by the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, and will assist local officials in making effective preparations for disasters likely in their jurisdictions.

State funding was obtained for the Bay Delta Resources Recovery Project, which will be an innovative demonstration of how to use composted solid wastes to restore levees on Delta islands. The Bay Delta board, headed by Oakland Councilman Fred Maggiora, is attempting to secure necessary federal funds to begin the project.

In spite of these projects—and all the others completed during ABAG's 14-year history—many people feel a sense of despair—that nothing is getting better despite the best efforts to make life easier or more bearable. Undoubtedly, the future will bring more problems, but inroads *are* being made on those that exist. The air is cleaner, and so is the water. Widespread human problems are at last being confronted. The environment has not been destroyed. Growth has begun to be managed. The San Francisco Bay Area remains one of the most exciting and livable areas in the country. And local governments are playing their part—regionally—to keep it so.

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President Warren Boggess presents a plaque to Barbara Eastman for distinguished service on the Executive Committee as a representative of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Below, Assemblyman Michael Wornum, former Marin County supervisor who chaired the Regional Planning Committee, talks with San Jose City Councilwoman Susanne Wilson, new head of the committee. Wornum was presented with an ABAG tee-shirt by the staff.

Projections committee formed

ABAG has formed a Projections Technical Advisory Committee of planners from city and county planning departments and regional agencies. The committee will advise ABAG on the development and use of population, employment and land use projections and related analyses. The ABAG/MTC Series 2 projections, and responses to them by various agencies, were discussed at the first meeting. The present forecasting system and improvements leading to Series 3 were also discussed.

Airport forecasts are revised

A downward revision in 1985 passenger forecasts for Bay Area airports was approved last month by the ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee.

The committee approved a new forecast of 40 to 46 million passengers annually for airports at San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Travis Air Force Base and/or a new North Bay facility. The old total had been 72 million passengers annually.

Under the revised figures, San Francisco would receive 26 to 29 million passengers a year, with Oakland getting 8 to 9 million and San Jose 6 to 7 million. Travis and/or a North Bay airport would receive up to 1 million passengers a year.

Two factors leading to the revisions in the projected travel figures were lower population and employment forecasts for the region, and the shortage of aviation energy sources.

The revised projections will eventually be submitted to ABAG for amendment into the Regional Airport Systems Plan. MTC will be asked to use the new forecasts and plan as the aviation element of its Regional Transportation Plan.

Two Citizen Alliance conferences are approved

Two citizen projects for the second phase of ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program were approved last month by the Citizen Services Committee, which considered 20 applications.

The first project is for an early fall conference on "Implementing the City-Centered Concept" — to explore the implications of the concept as a solution to problems of pollution, sprawl, the energy crisis and housing.

The committee also approved a conference on senior citizens and regional planning priorities, sponsored by Self Help for the Aging of San Francisco.

The committee also tentatively chose seven other projects, with a review of those scheduled at its next meeting January 16. A $4,000 budget increase to expand the Citizen Alliance Program was recommended and accepted by the Executive Committee.

Current Calendar

Housing Plan Public Discussion ..... Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.
Citizen Effectiveness Workshop ..... Saturday, January 11, 1:00 p.m.
Bay Delta Resources Recovery Board ..... Wednesday, January 15, 9:30 a.m.
Citizen Services Committee ..... Thursday, January 16, 4:00 p.m.
Executive Committee ..... Thursday, January 16, 7:30 p.m.
Citizen Effectiveness Workshop ..... Saturday, January 18, 1:00 p.m.
Citizen Effectiveness Workshop ..... Saturday, January 25, 1:00 p.m.
Projections Technical Advisory Committee ..... Wednesday, January 29, 9:45 a.m.

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LAND USE LAWS: 1975's Bandwagon

Four top state officials will be principal speakers at ABAG's annual General Assembly this month.

The General Assembly will be held beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Hilton Hotel, Mason and O'Farrell Streets, San Francisco.

Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally will give the 7:45 p.m. address. The topic for the General Assembly is "Land Use Laws: 1975's Bandwagon."

Two sets of concurrent sessions called "Dialogues with the Experts" will be held in the afternoon.

The first session will be from 3:30 to 4:30. Participants include State Senator John Nejedly, chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resouces and Wildlife. His topic is "Clean Land and Dirty Air." Other afternoon experts are Dean Misczynski, research economist, University of California at Los Angeles, and Paul Sedway of Sedway-Cooke of San Francisco. Their respective topics are "Windfalls for Wipeouts—Is Government Responsible?" and "Land Use Opportunities and Trade Offs."

Assemblyman Edwin Z'berg, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Resources and Land Use, will talk about "The State of State Planning." Claire T. Dedrick, secretary of the California Resouces Agency, will describe "The State—A Different Drummer?" and Angus McDonald of McDonald and Smart of San Francisco will discuss "Is Taxation the Ogre?"

A reception and dinner will follow. At 7:30 p.m. William C. Arntz, regional administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, will speak briefly before Lt. Gov. Dymally's speech. Early reservations are $15 and must be mailed to ABAG by Feb. 10. Registration after Feb. 10 and at the door is $17.50. Students and members of citizen organizations may attend the afternoon sessions at a cost of $3.

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Airport meetings scheduled

Reduced passenger forecasts for Bay Area airports are included in proposed revisions to the Regional Transportation Plan of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Four public meetings on the plan are scheduled by MTC. ABAG expects to consider similar airport plan amendments after August 1.

The commission expects to vote on the revisions and a draft environmental impact report for the proposed airport element at its regular meeting March 26.

Public meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Palo Alto High School; 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Napa High School; and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the San Francisco Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park.

The fourth public meeting will be held at the regular MTC meeting at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Several Bay Area local governments will be participating in special mid-decade population censuses in 1975 and 1976. A report on the dates and areas for the special censuses is available from ABAG's Department of Technical Services.

Named to ABAG committees

Committee appointments by President Warren Boggess in December and January included:

Hayward Mayor Ilene Weinreb, chairperson of the Legislation and Govermental Organization Committee; and San Jose Councilwoman Susanne Wilson, chairwoman of the Regional Planning Committee.

Other assignments:

Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee — San Rafael Vice Mayor John Miskimen, Campbell Councilman William Podgorsek and Fremont Councilman Geoffrey Steel; *Regional Planning Committee* — Marin County Supervisor Arnold Baptiste, Napa Mayor Ralph Bolin, Novato Councilman Fred Ruegg and Santa Rosa Councilman Murray Zatman; *Regional Seaport Policy Committee* — Albany Vice Mayor Patrick Griffin as an alternate; *Work Program and Coordination Committee* — Woodside Councilman Nat Landes and Napa County Supervisor John Tuteur; *Finance and Personnel Subcommittee* — Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon; and *ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee* — Mountain View Councilman William R. Jelavich.

Projections publications are now available

A technical report for the Series 2 projections of populations, employment, and land use for the San Francisco Bay Area is now available from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

The report, *Projections of the Region's Future,* is a significant milestone in the process of developing and refining regional projections. Prepared by the ABAG/MTC Joint Program, the projections constitute a range of future regional growth. The report discusses major regional planning issues, the structure of the projections system, and assumptions on which the projections are based. Copies are available at $4.

Local governments have been reviewing and discussing the projections since the fall of 1973. These discussions are continuing to provide better information on local needs and policies that can be incorporated in the next series of regional projections. A summary of the first year's review with local governments is contained in a second report, *A Local Perspective of Regional Growth,* which is available for $2.

How can the region's housing be conserved?

New study details range of community strategies

Cities and counties that want to develop programs to meet the national housing goal of preserving existing housing in neighborhoods will find a new resource book published by ABAG very valuable.

The report, entitled *CONSERVE–Toward Community Strategies For Conserving the Region's Housing Stock,* details a wide variety of tools for local governments to deal with the decline in housing quality.

ABAG's research indicates that two-thirds of the region's housing is located in neighborhoods that are essentially good or just beginning to decline. The housing conservation document describes mechanisms so the Bay Area can realistically maintain the quality of its housing and upgrade salvageable yet deficient units. These efforts will keep the sound stock from becoming an additional burden on already scarce public resources.

One of the most valuable contributions of the report is its focus on city and county functions, allowing for concentrated efforts. A city can use strategies that will work in its neighborhoods and ignore those it feels are likely not to work, even though the same strategy may have worked elsewhere.

The report is available at $2.50 from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

ABAG speeds community development applications

ABAG expects to process about 30 applications for federal funds from the new community development legislation by the end of next month.

To give local governments maximum time to prepare their applications before the April 15 deadline for submission to HUD, and allow sufficient time for needed environmental and clearinghouse review, ABAG has revised its procedures to allow for a review of completed draft applications received before Feb. 20, as well as final applications approved by city councils or boards of supervisors. In addition, many citizen groups have expressed interest in submitting comments on community development applications as part of the notification and review process. Citizens have been encouraged to direct comments to their own local governments, and may also send comments to ABAG for inclusion with the clearinghouse comments.

For this month, ABAG's staff comments on grant applications, normally received by the Executive Committee, will be reviewed by the Work Program and Coordination Committee.The Executive Committee will not be meeting in February because of the General Assembly.

ABAG has supplied more than fifty local governments with special housing and population data needed for their community development applications.

The agency's estimates of the region's housing needs have also been widely used as background material in developing the housing assistance plan portion of the community development applications.

ABAG advises users, however, that estimates reflect housing "need" that could be filled by improving existing housing and by subsidizing rents on present dwellings, as well as by building new units. In no case should housing needs estimates be used to indicate solely the amount of new construction required.

General Assembly business session

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At the General Assembly's business session, delegates will consider the Executive Committee's proposed 1975-76 budget, which totals $2,147,000. Local dues would be increased to $523,120, or an average of 11.7%.

The Executive Committee, by a 13-10 vote last month, recommended that local dues be changed from the 7.7 percent increase recommended by the Executive Director.

The additional four percent would provide for per diem payment to voting members of the executive body, standing committees and joint committees. A bylaws amendment would provide for payment of $25 for each meeting attended, not to exceed $50 a month.

Another bylaws amendment proposes that the General Assembly be required to meet only once annually. It would preserve the ability to call other meetings of the General Assembly as necessary.

Copies of the ABAG 1974 Annual Report, which accompanied last month's Bay View, are available at no cost through ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

Parking management workshops

A series of six policy workshops on a parking management plan—now being prepared to help meet federal air quality standards for the Bay Area—has been scheduled this month. The working sessions will identify air quality issues confronting local officials in the Bay Area.

Workshops are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. for the following dates and locations.

Friday, Feb. 7, Room 1113, Carithers Building, 1st and Brown Streets, Napa; Monday, Feb. 10, Planning Department, Room 308-A, Civic Center, San Rafael; Friday, Feb. 14, Board Conference Room, Room 108, 651 Pine Street, Martinez; Wednesday, Feb. 19, Public Works Building, Room 227, 399 Elmhurst Street, Hayward; Friday, Feb. 21, Hall of Justice Building, Room 7A, 401 Marshall Street, Redwood City; and Monday, Feb. 24, Berger Drive Auditorium, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose.

Plan update recommended

Draft procedures for review and amendment of the Regional Plan will be considered by the Executive Committee at its March 20 meeting.

Among the likely recommendations from the Regional Planning Committee will be the establishment of an annual cutoff date for proposed amendments to the Regional Plan. A cutoff date ensures that all proposed plan amendments and their implications can be considered together instead of separately.

The committee is anticipating that if plan amendments are considered this year, the cutoff date for Bay Area cities and counties to request amendments to the plan will be in May.

ABAG review criteria win kudos

ABAG's project review criteria for growth have been cited in the fifth annual report of the federal Council on Environmental Quality.

The report, released last month, cites the criteria as an example of a procedure established at the local level for the review of development proposals. The report states that the criteria "are applied in order to analyze the environmental and social impact of the proposed development."

The reference to ABAG is the only mention of a council of governments or regional planning agency in the 597-page document.

Grant reviews increase

Grant review activity at ABAG increased by 56% during 1974.

ABAG reviewed 665 applications totaling $472 million in grant requests and $679 million in total funds.During the same period in 1973, ABAG reviewed 426 applications totaling $185 million in grant requests and $302 million in total funds.

Executive Committee new faces

Four supervisors have been appointed to the Executive Committee. They include Supervisor Arnold M. Baptiste, representing Marin County; Supervisor Edward J. Bacciocco, Jr., representing San Mateo County; and Supervisor Ron Diridon, representing Santa Clara County. Named as an alternate was San Mateo County Supervisor John M. Ward.

Mayor pro tem James E. Jackson of Cupertino has been appointed to represent Santa Clara County cities on the committee. His alternate will be Vice Mayor Judith Moss of Mountain View.

Local officials to help in disaster planning

A panel of local government officials is being established for ABAG's civil preparedness program.

ABAG is developing an information system on hazards and disasters likely in the Bay Area. The effort is fundamentally concerned with region-wide preparation for nuclear and natural disasters, including earthquakes, extensive oil spills and severe storms, including floods.

Frances K. Dias, regional director of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, and Ronald Sandwina, director of engineering services for DCPA, discussed the work at last month's Executive Committee meeting. Mrs. Dias said local government officials should participate in the program so that ABAG reports can be practical and effective.

Local officials who wish to participate in the review should call ABAG civil preparedness planner Robert Black. The first of four planned meetings will be held by March 14.

Current Calendar

Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1:30 p.m.
San Mateo Corridor Study Session (Pacifica)	Thursday, Feb. 13, 10:00 a.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee (Pacifica)	Thursday, Feb. 13, 1:00 p.m.
Bay Delta Resouce Recovery Board	Wednesday, Feb 19, 9:30 a.m.
General Assembly	Thursday, Feb. 20, 3:00 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee	Thursday, Feb. 27, 9:30 a.m.
Regional Open Space Task Force	Thursday, Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m.

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Dymally asks local governments to fight unemployment

Local government officials should do what they can to ensure a full commitment to finding jobs for the state's unemployed, says Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally.

Addressing ABAG's General Assembly last month, Dymally said local governments must be active participants in a movement to provide "equal rights for the unemployed" and "job security for working families."

He said this movement would be a natural extension of drives for equal rights for minorities, students and women.

Dymally criticized what he called a "suici-

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How to be an effective citizen

Lobbyist Emma Gunterman leads a lively discussion on the problems of senior citizens during a workshop sponsored by ABAG and the Friends Committee on Legislation. A limited number of citizen effectiveness packets are available from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

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General Assembly discusses land use, adopts budget

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dal no-growth philosophy" because of its consequences on the economy.

"The no-growth philosophy is not workable. It leads to disaster for the poor.

"What we must do is begin to talk about planning growth," Dymally said, adding that he is aware of ABAG's efforts in managing the Bay Area's growth by assessing both social and environmental effects of growth policies.

Almost 300 people participated in afternoon dialogue sessions with State Sen. John Nejedly, Resources Secretary Claire Dedrick, UCLA economist Dean Misczynski, and San Francisco planning consultants Paul Sedway and Angus McDonald.

At the General Assembly's business session, delegates approved the 1975-76 budget, which totals $2,147,000. Local dues were increased to $523,120, or an average of 11.7 percent.

The budget includes a per diem payment system to voting members of the Executive Board and standing and joint committees.

A bylaws amendment provides for a payment of $20 if a committee member travels less than 25 miles to ABAG, $30 if the journey is between 25 and 50 miles, and $40 if it exceeds 50 miles. The system, which begins in July, is limited to 2 meetings per month.

Another bylaws amendment requires the General Assembly to meet only once annually, while preserving the ability to call other meetings of the General Assembly as necessary. Another series of amendments changed the name of the Executive Committee to Executive Board, and makes the immediate past president a member of the board.

Knox introduces AB 625

Assemblyman John Knox of Contra Costa County has introduced legislation to provide rational planning for the Bay Area. The bill merges ABAG with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency.

AB 625 would provide for a 34-member interim agency board composed of supervisors, mayors and city council members who would serve until January 1, 1977. After that the agency board would include 25 directly elected members and 25 appointed supervisors, mayors and council members.

In addition to exercising powers of the existing three agencies, the proposed Bay Area Planning Agency would have land use planning powers now exercised by the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

No later than March 31, 1979, the new agency would also include the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

ABAG President Warren Boggess said at last month's General Assembly that he hopes local governments will continue their support for a regional planning agency that would consolidate existing agencies and eliminate duplication and overlap.

He said AB 625 includes the suggestions made by a joint working group of presidents and executive officers of existing regional agencies, which met after Knox's AB 2040 was killed last year by the Senate Local Government Committee.

EMS council to be formed for the Bay Area

Formal recognition by the Bay Area's county boards of supervisors is being sought for the Regional Emergency Medical Care Council.

The council will assume more important duties in identifying and working on EMS issues and programs common to Bay Area counties.

Formation of the council was proposed in the original grant submitted by ABAG and the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council.

The council as proposed will include representatives from the county emergency medical care committees; a representative of each county EMS administering agency, or a health department representative if a county has no EMS agency; and a representative each from ABAG, BACHPC, and the Bay Area Health Association.

An application for a single EMS grant for the nine Bay Area counties is being developed for submission through ABAG. The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has indicated it wants an areawide approach to emergency medical services planning.

6 applications reviewed

Six applications from local jurisdictions for federal community development funds were recommended by the Work Program and Coordination Committee last month for federal approval.

Draft applications from Oakland, San Leandro, Pittsburg, Richmond, Redwood City and Sunnyvale were recommended for approval.

All parties — the applicant jurisdictions, ABAG and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development — have been working under severe pressures to process the applications before the April 15 deadline. The committee, which will meet again on March 12 to review several more applications for community development funds, was given the task of reviewing these applications to enable local governments to beat the deadline.

Executive Director Revan Tranter, right, presents a plaque to Assemblyman Victor Calvo of Santa Clara County for his distinguished service to ABAG as a member of the Executive Board and Finance and Personnel Committee. A similar plaque was presented to Assemblyman Michael Wornum of Marin County, former chairman of the Regional Planning Committee.

Las Positas presentation scheduled for March 12 RPC meeting

The developer of a major proposal to build a new community of 40,000 persons north of Livermore in Alameda County will fully describe his project at the March 12 meeting of the Regional Planning Committee.

Harlan Geldermann of Danville, developer of the proposed Las Positas new town, will make a 1½-hour presentation beginning at 3 p.m. Additional time will be allowed for questions and for other proponents of the proposal to speak.

At 7 p.m. opponents of the project will speak, with time for Geldermann to offer countering arguments.

RPC is extensively studying the proposal as the result of a review panel report to the Executive Board, which ratified the panel's recommendation that a full review be undertaken. RPC members have asked for comments not only on the proposal, but on the review panel's report as well.

Current Calendar

Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, March 12, 1:30 p.m.
Work Program & Coordination Committee	Wednesday, March 12, 3:00 p.m.
Bay Delta Resource Recovery Board	Wednesday, March 19, 9:30 a.m.
Projections Technical Advisory Committee	Wednesday, March 19, 9:30 a.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Thursday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Board	Thursday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, April 2, 3:00 p.m.

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Board to consider report on Las Positas

Regional Planning Committee recommendations on the proposed Las Positas new community in Alameda County will be considered by the Executive Board at its April 17 meeting.

RPC was due to consider on April 2 recommendations from its task force on ABAG's stance on the development.

The task force concluded that construction of the project or similar ones in the Livermore-Amador Valley should be started only when specified conditions have been attained.

The task force said the Las Positas proposal is premature and seriously conflicts with regional policies on environmental quality, balanced urban development and cooperative government action.

Some problems identified with the Las Positas development are not unique to that proposal. Significant new development anywhere in the valley beyond that already committed by existing cities should be reviewed according to the same criteria used in reviewing Las Positas, the task force said.

In addition, the task force members concluded there are other places in the Bay Area with existing and underutilized capacity where development at this time could potentially support regional policies.

Two of their recommendations were:

- Public rules for development and established building and financing practices should be modified to make it easier to rebuild and fill in existing cities rather than convert vacant land at city fringes to urban uses.

- The valley's public agencies should develop a coordinated program consistent with regional policies for making decisions on the location, timing and magnitude of major developments and the public services they require.

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8 community development reviews completed

Eight applications from cities for Federal community development funds were recommended by the Work Program and Coordination Committee last month for Federal approval.

Draft applications from Alameda, Berkeley, Concord, Fairfield, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Francisco and San Mateo were recommended for approval. The applications total $25.9 million in grant requests.

The committee was to review applications from nine cities and five counties at its April 2 meeting. Those are the last applications for $70 million in first-year community development funds for all of the Bay Area's urban counties and major cities.

All parties — the applicants, ABAG and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development — have been working under severe pressure to process the applications so local governments can beat the April 15 deadline.

A map showing Federal and State legislative districts and 1970 Census tracts in the Bay Area is available from ABAG at $4.50 by mail or $2.50 at ABAG's offices. The map is one sheet (42" by 106") at a scale of 1:125,000.

Housing grant sought

Contra Costa County is applying for a $79,500 Federal grant that would allow ABAG to assist the City of El Cerrito in designing a local strategy for preserving housing in neighborhoods.

El Cerrito has been receiving technical assistance from ABAG to devise a comprehensive housing conservation plan. The grant, for a 12-month period, would mean ABAG would help in designing an El Cerrito housing data system that could be adapted for use by other small cities, prepare a handbook and audiovisual material for use in a series of policy workshops throughout the Bay Area, and develop in-service training courses in housing conservation. Twenty-five scholarships for local government would be available for the training courses.

Census conference planned

A conference on the 1980 Census will be held May 20 at the University of California at Berkeley.

The meeting — cosponsored by ABAG — is designed to encourage local governments and citizens to make suggestions on the information to be collected and on the conduct of the census to improve its usefulness and accuracy. There will be no admission charge.

The keynote speaker will be Vincent P. Barabba, Census Bureau director, who will speak on the topic "Privacy and Confidentiality."

Other Census Bureau speakers will include Marshall Turner Jr., assistant chief for data content and dissemination, demographic census staff; Arthur F. Young, chief of the housing division; and Meyer Zitter, chief of the population division.

Further information on the conference is availble from ABAG's Department of Technical Services.

Water quality

Water quality problems caused by urban and agricultural runoff will be tackled by ABAG, if the State designates ABAG as the Bay Area's 208 planning agency.

Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Amendments of 1972 requires plans to control water pollution caused by land uses. The State Water Resources Control Board has adopted guidelines that recommend areawide planning organizations be designated for this planning.

The Bay Area Sewage Services Agency has pledged to work with ABAG in seeking the 208 designation.

The Executive Board also:

reviewed 260 grant applications last month.

approved submitting a Regional Emergency Medical Services application to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

adopted a conflict of interest policy that voluntarily complies with provisions of the law as the result of last year's Proposition 9.

approved an annual cycle for revising the regional plan.

ABAG criteria praised

ABAG's project review criteria for growth have again been cited by a Federal agency for their effectiveness in managing growth.

In a biennial report to Congress on national growth and development, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development singled out the ABAG criteria as an example of ways to guide land development, modify economic growth, or prevent change in environmental quality. Such efforts, HUD declared, are examples of "a vigorous stirring at the local level to develop new public techniques to strike local balances between such goals as economic growth and a quality environment." ABAG uses the criteria in reviewing and commenting on local applications for Federal assistance and environmental impact statements.

Earlier, the Federal Council on Environmental Quality cited the criteria in its fifth annual report. In both cases, the references to ABAG were the only mention of a council of governments.

Agency studies amendments to Knox bill

ABAG is taking a wait-and-see attitude toward recent amendments to Assemblyman John Knox's bill (AB 625) to consolidate ABAG with other existing regional agencies.

Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy last month sponsored amendments to the bill that would make the agency board chairman its chief administrator, with the chairman appointed from among the directly elected members. It would also establish a June 1978 election for voters to determine whether a regional executive should be directly elected.

ABAG's Executive Board asked its Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee to consider the amended bill, and develop strategies to pursue in the Senate.

The bill merges ABAG with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency. It also provides that the Bay Conservation and Development Commission would later be included in the proposed Bay Area Planning Agency, which would also have the land use planning powers now exercised by the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Current Calendar

Bay Delta Resource Recovery Board	Wednesday, April 16, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Board	Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee	Thursday, April 24, 4:00 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee	Friday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, May 7, 3:00 p.m.

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Board says Las Positas development is premature

A major new community for the Las Positas Valley north of Livermore should be started only when environmental and urban development problems can be substantially resolved, the Executive Board concluded last month.

At the same time, the board stressed that building should occur in central cities and other existing cities with available facilities and services. New communities can be a part of this process if they support the full range of regional policies.

Executive Board in action
During testimony on Las Positas

After a 2½-hour public discussion on the findings of the Regional Planning Committee, the board by a 23-2 vote agreed that the Las Positas development is premature. Other actions that would substantially increase the population of the Livermore-Amador Valley would also conflict with regional policies on environmental quality, balanced urban development and cooperative government action.

While concluding that the Las Positas project shouldn't begin now, the board agreed that ABAG will review it again when a specific plan required by Alameda County for development of the 15,000-home community is completed six to nine months from now.

ABAG's review of Las Positas is the first time that a voluntary areawide planning agency has conducted an extensive early review of a major development where no specific request for Federal funds was involved.

ABAG's findings, recommendations and adopted policies will be sent to every agency with jurisdiction over the Las Positas project. In addition, ABAG will include its findings in reviewing any project or plan related to the proposed development.

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Senior citizens asked about planning issues

Eight conferences to ask senior citizens what regional planning agencies such as ABAG should include in their programs to help seniors will be held this month and next by Self-Help for the Aging and ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program.

The half-day morning conferences are free. The schedule is: Thursday, May 1 - 2619 Broadway, Oakland; Thursday, May 8 - Third and E Streets, Santa Rosa; Tuesday, May 13 - 180 W. San Carlos, San Jose; Thursday, May 15 - Civic Center and Macdonald Avenue, Richmond; Monday, May 19 - Fifth and Randolph, Napa; Friday, May 23 - 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo; Thursday, May 29 - 756 Mission St., San Francisco; and Friday, June 6 - 930 Tamalpais Ave., San Rafael. The San Rafael and Santa Rosa meetings start at 9:30 a.m.; the others begin at 9 a.m.

Further information is available from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

San Mateo meeting scheduled

Major recommendations for the future of the San Mateo coast will be discussed at a public meeting May 29 in Pacifica.

The discussion will be conducted by the ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee, which is directing an in-depth study of urbanization and development, recreation and transportation issues for the coast.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 2212 Beach Blvd., Pacifica. The committee will later submit its recommendations to ABAG, MTC and other agencies that make decisions affecting the coastline.

Library project begins

Computer networks that would allow a person in a local library to get information from a university or the State library miles away may be a part of the future for Bay Area libraries — and a new ABAG project will learn how Bay Area libraries are using advanced computer technology and automation as a necessary step in achieving a library network.

The project, started at the request of Bay Area libraries and funded by a $74,700 grant under the Federal Library Services and Construction Act, was announced by State Librarian Ethel S. Crockett.

ABAG will survey current and planned computer use in Bay Area libraries, what kinds of computers are used, how they are programmed, how information is collected and how people use the computers.

Bay Delta funds again sought

State funds should be immediately released to complete the first phase of the Bay Delta Resource Recovery Demonstration Project, the Executive Board agreed last month.

The board approved a motion by Oakland Councilman Fred Maggiora supporting the need for a coordinated Bay Area study of solid waste disposal problems and related issues provided that State funds appropriated this fiscal year by the Legislature be released to complete phase one of the project.

The study was suggested by Clint Whitney, assistant to the governor for environment, and Al Marino, executive officer of the State Solid Waste Management Board, at a Bay Delta board meeting last month.

How you can affect the 1980 census

Census Bureau Director Vincent P. Barabba will be the keynote speaker for a public forum on the 1980 census, to be held May 20 at the University of California at Berkeley. His topic will be "The Right of Privacy and the Need to Know."

Although the 1980 census is five years away, many important planning decisions must be made relatively soon.

The meeting is designed to encourage local governments and citizens to make suggestions on the information to be collected and on the conduct of the census to increase its usefulness and accuracy.

There will be no admission charge for the day-long meeting, which will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the West Pauley Ballroom of the UC Student Union building.

Other Census Bureau speakers will include Marshall Turner Jr., Arthur S. Young and Meyer Zitter.

The meeting is sponsored by ABAG, the Bay Area Council, the U. S. Department of Commerce, and a number of other government agencies and educational institutions.

Further information on the meeting is available from ABAG's Department of Technical Services.

Seattle Mayor Wes Uhlman, president of the National Association of Regional Councils, is presented with an ABAG tee shirt by President Warren Boggess (right) at a NARC meeting in San Francisco last month.

ABAG limits San Bruno Mt. review

The Regional Planning Committee this month will identify issues of regional interest in the proposed development of San Bruno Mountain, but ABAG will not do a formal review of the development as it has done with Las Positas.

The Work Program and Coordination Committee reviewed the impact on ABAG's work program of a review of the San Bruno proposal, and concluded that it would require delaying too many high priority projects. The committee also decided recommendations could not be produced in time to impact San Mateo County decisions if a full review were undertaken.

RPC will be identifying issues of regional interest for consideration during the county's plan amendment process.

The Executive Board also:

reviewed 52 grant applications last month.

approved revisions in the agency's affirmative action program, as recommended by the executive director and the employees' union affirmative action committee.

approved submitting applications for second-year funding of the human services capacity building and criminal justice planning projects.

approved a resolution asking that the State provide financial support for regional planning activities.

Citizen Alliance deadline is May 12

Citizen organizations are reminded that they have until May 12 to submit applications for the next phase of the Citizen Alliance Program. The program provides in-kind staff support for holding public meetings, conferences, workshops, and seminars on issues of regional significance, and to prepare communications tools. Further information is available from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

Current Calendar

ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, May 7, 3:00 p.m.
Regional Open Space Task Force	Thursday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee	Thursday, May 8, 4:00 p.m.
Work Program and Coordination Committee	Wednesday, May 14, 3:00 p.m.
Bay Delta Resource Recovery Board	Wednesday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee	Friday, May 23, 9:30 a.m.
San Mateo Corridor Public Discussion (Pacifica)	Thursday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday June 4, 3:00 p.m.

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Must fight for funds

ABAG designated as water quality planning agency

ABAG last month was designated by the State Water Resources Control Board as the areawide waste management planning agency for the Bay Area, but will have to fight with Federal officials to get the funds to do the work.

The State board approved ABAG's application as the Bay Area's 208 planning agency, supplementing earlier water quality planning by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and other agencies.

The designation must be approved by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency by June 30 to receive 100 percent Federal funding.

The U. S. Office of Management and Budget has ordered EPA not to obligate the final $30 million of its $150 million contracting authority for 208 planning funds. With the exception of the Lake Tahoe area (designated last year), California would be prevented from joining other parts of the country receiving Federal funds. Both ABAG and the National Association of Regional Councils are attempting to counteract this action of OMB. NARC believes it to be inconsistent with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 and with the Administration's strategy to achieve national water quality goals.

Section 208 of the act requires plans to control water pollution caused by land uses. The 208 planning process would require ABAG to tackle water quality problems caused by urban and agricultural runoff, as well as to relate urban growth to planning for air and water quality.

The Bay Area's planning area includes Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, and substantial portions of Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma Counties. The planning area serves as the only drainage outlet for waters of the four Central Valley basins draining the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

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ABAG opposes regional executive in AB 625

ABAG will strongly oppose the establishment of an elected executive — dubbed by the press a "super mayor" — as head of a Bay Area planning agency proposed in a bill being considered in the State Senate this month.

After consulting with Executive Board members and alternates, President Warren Boggess said the agency "cannot support AB 625 until it is amended to remove all references to an elected regional executive.

"We are convinced that the recent amendments proposed by Assembly Speaker McCarthy greatly endanger the bill's chances for adoption," Boggess said. "The creation of a powerful regional executive changes the nature of the proposed agency from one which combines existing regional agencies to one with all the makings of the often feared fourth level of government between the State and local governments."

ABAG's Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee extensively reviewed the bill last month and recommended ABAG oppose it unless provisions for a regional executive are removed.

At the same time, the committee will suggest amendments to increase the visibility and leadership role of the board chairperson of the proposed agency.

The bill merges ABAG with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency. It also provides that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission would later be included in the new agency, which would have the land use planning powers now exercised by the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Local officials named to agency committees

The following appointments have been made by President Warren Boggess and confirmed by the Executive Board.

San Mateo County Supervisor Edward J. Bacciocco Jr., and Councilwoman Joyce A. Jackson of Albany to the Regional Planning Committee; Santa Rosa Vice Mayor Murray A. Zatman to the Parking Management Study Steering Committee; Los Altos Councilman Audrey H. Fisher as the advisory member to the Executive Board from the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board; and Louis P. Martini of St. Helena as the RWQB alternate.

Cupertino Mayor James E. Jackson was appointed as the second Regional Planning Committee representative to the Work Program and Coordination Committee. He succeeds Napa Supervisor John Tuteur, who becomes alternate for Regional Planning Committee Chairwoman Susanne Wilson. Six other alternates were appointed to the Work Program and Coordination Committee. They are El Cerrito Councilman Richard Bartke, Citizen Services Committee; San Rafael Vice Mayor John A. Miskimen, Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee; Redwood City Councilwoman Mary W. Henderson, ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee; San Francisco Chief Administrative Officer Thomas Mellon, Finance and Personnel Committee; Vallejo Councilman Larry Asera, Executive Board; and Walnut Creek Mayor Margaret W. Kovar, Regional Planning Committee.

Housing plan moves forward

The Regional Planning Committee will be asked at its July 2 meeting to discuss revisions proposed by the Regional Housing Plan Review Task Force to Phase I of the Regional Housing Plan.

It is expected that a public discussion on the proposed plan will be conducted during the Executive Board's meeting August 21.

Coastal plan supported

A State coastal agency with regional components should continue to preserve and protect California's coastline, ABAG testified last month.

Redwood City Councilwoman Mary Henderson, appearing before the coastal commission on ABAG's behalf, said the State coastal plan is generally consistent with ABAG plans and policies.

Coastal plan policies on agriculture, recreation, housing, transportation, and concentration of development might be more effectively addressed from an areawide perspective, she said.

ABAG strongly recommend that the coastal function be included in a statutory multipurpose regional agency in the Bay Area when such an agency is established. ABAG also urged that San Mateo County be included with the Bay Area's other three coastal counties in any continuation of regional subcommissions of a permanent State coastal agency.

Reflecting on a census meeting suggestion

Bay Area makes census recommendations

Bay Area local government officials and citizens made numerous suggestions to improve the 1980 census at a conference sponsored by ABAG last month.

Speakers stressed the need for accuracy in the census because local governments receive Federal and State funds based on population. Affirmative action programs and other planning work require detailed and accurate census information.

Among the recommendations to increase the accuracy of the census were: to improve training of census takers so undercounting of hard-to-reach population groups can be reduced; to conduct an outreach program with hard-to-reach groups in developing and taking the census; and to have bilingual and multilingual census takers in non-English speaking areas where mailed census forms frequently aren't returned.

Other speakers stressed the need for a 100% count of the Spanish American population rather than a sample, and the need for categories within the Spanish American and other minority groups.

How a liveable urban environment can be shaped

How can we foster a sense of community in an urban environment?

A community approach to "Shaping a Liveable Urban Environment" will be the subject of a day-long, free Saturday conference June 7 in San Jose.

The conference will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the County Office of Education Building, 100 Skyport Drive.

Among the topics to be covered in small discussion groups are: building a sense of community, accessibility to community resources, and preservation of the natural environment.

The conference is cosponsored by ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program and the Leagues of Women Voters of the Bay Area and San Jose-Santa Clara; Mexican American Community Services Agency, Inc.; and the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Current Calendar

ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, June 4, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, June 4, 3:00 p.m.
Senior Citizen Conference	Friday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.
Work Program & Coordination Committee	Wednesday, June 11, 3:00 p.m.
Regional Delegates Forum	Wednesday, June 11, 4:00 p.m.
Bay Delta Resources Recovery Board	Wednesday, June 18, 9:30 a.m.
Citizen Services Committee	Thursday, June 19, 3:30 p.m.
Executive Board	Thursday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.
Civil Preparedness Technical Advisory Committee	Tuesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee	Thursday, June 26, 4:00 p.m.

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Bay Area wins fight for water quality funds

A total of $4.3 million in Federal funds will be available to the Bay Area for water quality planning as a result of a successful fight by ABAG and the National Association of Regional Councils.

ABAG was designated in May as the areawide waste management planning agency for the Bay Area.

The U. S. Office of Management and Budget reversed an earlier decision, and allowed the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to obligate the remainder of its contracting authority to implement section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

Section 208 requires plans to control water pollution caused by land uses. ABAG will tackle water quality problems caused by urban and agricultural runoff, as well as relate urban growth to planning for air and water quality.

ABAG's work will supplement earlier water quality planning by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency, and others.

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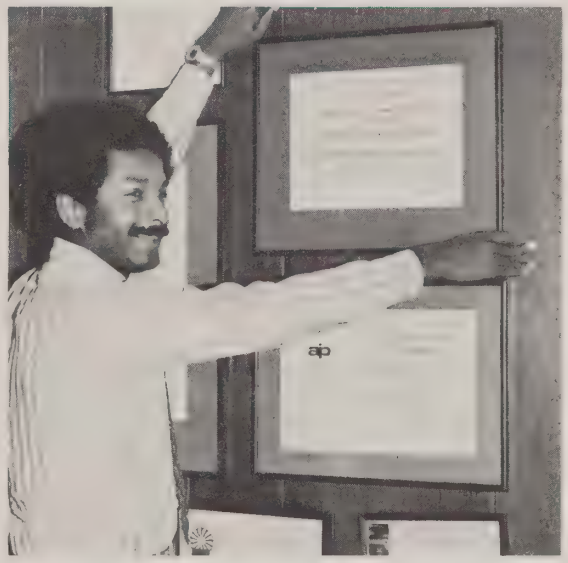

Acting Planning Director John H. "Skip" McKoy adds a certificate for "achievement in public administration" to ABAG's collection of awards. The agency was honored by the Bay Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration for its system of review panels to assess developments of regional significance.

ABAG cited for review panels

ABAG's review panels for assessing development proposals with potentially significant effects on the Bay Area have been cited for "achievement in public administration" by the

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Senate committee postpones AB 625 vote

The Senate Local Government Committee last month heard testimony on a bill creating a Bay Area Planning Agency, but took no action on it.

President Boggess represented ABAG at the hearing. He said ABAG strongly opposes a provision in the bill creating an elected executive to run the agency. "We believe the establishment of a directly elected regional executive is inimical to the interests of local governments and of the proposed agency," Boggess said.

"We have yet to learn of any organized group that supports inclusion of the regional executive in the bill," he said.

Not a single group appearing at the three-hour hearing before the committee June 16 endorsed the plan to create an elected executive for the new agency.

The bill merges ABAG with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency. It also provides that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission would later be included in the new agency, which would have the land use planning powers now exercised by the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Following the testimony, the bill's author, Assemblyman John Knox, asked for a postponement of a vote so committee members could consider possible amendments.

ABAG pioneers assessment of environmental effects

Environmental assessment procedures for ABAG to judge the potential effects of its plan elements and policies were approved by the Executive Board last month.

The procedures represent a pioneering effort by ABAG. It is believed that ABAG is the first metropolitan council of governments to prepare a procedure for evaluating the potential effects of its own actions.

Ways to conduct environmental assessments during the preparation of proposed plans and policies are spelled out. They ensure that analysis of the environmental effects will be done at an early stage in policy development, rather than an after-the-fact evaluation or attempt at justification conducted after the substance of the work has been completed.

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Bay Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

"This innovation creates a new arena for the people in the formative stages of major projects to understand and help shape the direction of the region as a whole," the ASPA awards jury said. "The recent use of this procedure to provide a regionwide review of the proposed new town of Las Positas is a good example of how this responsive innovation serves to ensure an early and searching forum in identifying the critical environmental and urban development problems that must be faced in assuring a high quality development."

The award to ABAG was one of 12 given by the ASPA chapter.

Two ABAG-member cities were chosen for "superior" awards. They were the City of Oakland for its "East Oakland Revitalization Project" and the City of Sunnyvale for its "New Directions for Sunnyvale."

Federal assistance studied

ABAG will examine the level of Federal assistance to local governments in the Bay Area as part of its continuing work in fiscal analysis.

The Contra Costa Mayors' Conference recently endorsed the suggestion of its City Managers'Group that ABAG conduct the study to ensure that the Bay Area receives equitable future allocations of Federal funds. The study will be finished by fall.

3 named to committee

Three appointments to the Regional Delegates Forum were made by President Warren Boggess and confirmed by the Executive Board last month.

Serving on the committee will be Petaluma Vice Mayor Jack W. Cavanagh Jr., representing the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency; Los Altos Councilman Audrey Fisher, representing the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board; and Contra Costa County Supervisor James P. Kenny, representing the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District.

Boggess chosen for NARC board

President Warren Boggess was elected as a board member of the National Association of Regional Councils at NARC's annual conference in Boston in May.

Boggess was chosen in stiff competition as one of three at-large members (two of whom were re-elected) on the NARC Board of Directors. It is the first time that an official of ABAG — one of the nation's oldest regional councils— has been chosen for the NARC board.

Forestry grant awarded

Forest-related environmental considerations will be made part of ABAG's planning process through a grant last month from the U. S. Forest Service.

ABAG will develop information on wildland resources and vegetation necessary for effective and broad-based environmental planning.

ABAG will also include wildlands and vegetative resource planning in its land capability studies, which have been predominantly geological.

The program will provide approximately $30,000 from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Water quality planning

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These agencies will be cooperating in the 208 planning process.

The Bay Area's planning area includes Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties, virtually all of Marin County, and substantial porportions of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

Congress intended the act to achieve one major goal: to clean up the nation's waters by July 1983.

The program is so important nationally that the Federal courts have now ruled that a state itself must perform 208 planning for areas not having a designated areawide waste treatment planning agency.

The Executive Board also:

reviewed 135 grant applications last month.

commended President Boggess on his election to the NARC Board.

approved procedures for reimbursing committee members to implement a bylaws amendment.

delegated to the Work Program and Coordination Committee the authority to act when the Executive Board does not meet.

authorized continuation of the joint planning program with MTC.

authorized the execution of contracts with State Office of Planning and Research and the State Library for regional planning and library automation projects.

set an August 21 public discussion for the Regional Housing Plan - Phase I.

approved — because of the administrative and technical complexities of the massive new 208 program — recruitment for a deputy executive director and a personnel officer.

adjourned its meeting in memory of Bernice Hubbard May, who died in May. A former councilwoman of Berkeley, she was active on the Executive Committee for many years.

Current Calendar

Civil Preparedness Technical Advisory Committee ..... Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 a.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee ..... Thursday, July 24, 4:00 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee ..... Friday, July 25, 9:30 a.m.

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Bay Area receives grant for emergency medical services management

A $450,000 grant to develop a regional emergency medical system has been awarded to ABAG and seven Bay Area counties.

The program, funded by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will concentrate on county-level management and regional coordination of emergency medical services (EMS) such as ambulances, hospitals and public safety agencies.

Program activities will include development of specialized critical care systems, data collection and evaluation, public education, communications coordination, disaster preparedness, mutual aid agreements, training and information exchange.

Approximately $300,000 of the grant will be used to develop EMS programs in seven of the nine Bay Area counties. The other counties — Alameda and Santa Clara — have separately funded EMS programs, but will take part in the regional program.

Proposed funds for EMS work at the county level are Contra Costa, $53,600; Marin, $30,000; Napa, $21,500; San Francisco, $66,692; San Mateo, $69,421; Solano, $32,050; and Sonoma, $33,450. The counties will be providing the required $583,384 in matching funds through existing county services.

The Regional EMS Council — formed in late 1974 — will serve as the advisory body for the program.

An agreement between ABAG and the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council for administration of a new Bay Area EMS project is signed by Council Chairman David Johnson (right) of Sonoma County. Lee Strauss (left) of Marin County and Robert Greene of Napa County witnessed the signing.

ABAG

Executive Board considers housing element

A regional housing element for the Bay Area will be considered for adoption by the Executive Board at its meeting this month.

Phase I of the housing element has been extensively reviewed by local governments and citizens during the past year.

The plan element was prepared over two years by the Regional Housing Task Force. Then the Regional Housing Plan Review Task Force (chaired by San Jose Councilwoman Susanne Wilson) conducted four public discussions on the proposed policies.

The Regional Planning Committee unanimously recommended the plan element for approval at its July 2 meeting.

Approval would constitute a clear commitment by ABAG to improve the housing conditions of the Bay Area's residents.

The proposed regional housing policies address these issues:

- The large and growing number of the region's households who cannot afford adequate shelter.
- The impact of local growth control measures on the existing housing stock and on new development patterns.
- The inequities caused by discrimination in the housing market.
- The inadequacy of available financial and institutional resources to meet the region's housing needs.

The plan element would establish three housing goals for the Bay Area. They would be ensuring maximum free choice in housing, conserving the existing housing supply in accordance with the region's needs, and expanding the housing supply to meet the region's needs.

Policies are recommended for achieving the goals through ABAG's project review function, through service to local governments and through advocacy for regional concerns.

One major objective is the adoption by ABAG and its member cities and counties of a regional housing allocation system. The system would provide that each locality assume its "fair share" of the region's needed low- and moderate-income housing.

The system — to be readied by late fall — would also be used, the plan suggests, for the distribution of housing subsidies in the region.

Regional plan amendments scheduled

Public discussions on proposed amendments to the Regional Plan will be established by the Executive Board at its meeting this month.

The board will be asked to hold a public discussion Sept. 18 on proposed amendments resulting from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's amendments to its Regional Transportation Plan, including the Regional Airport Systems Plan.

Plan amendments relating to the San Mateo coast corridor study would be discussed at the board's Oct. 16 meeting.

The Regional Planning Committee will consider all of the plan amendments at its meeting Sept. 3, with the Airport and Regional Transportation Plan Amendments to be discussed during the afternoon session of the RPC meeting. The committee will reconvene at 7 p.m. to discuss the San Mateo corridor amendments.

One goal:
Preserving scenic resources

Committee recommends San Mateo coast policies

Policies on major land use and transportation issues affecting the San Mateo coast corridor were recommended to ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission by the ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee at its July meeting.

The recommendations provide for no expansion of wastewater treatment facilities until the San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission establishes urban service areas on the coast. The policies would generally limit urbanization to the existing communities.

They also provide for significant preservation of the coast's natural and scenic resources. Increases in highway capacities would be considered after 1990, and public transit would be encouraged.

ABAG's Regional Planning Committee in September will consider the land use issues of the JPC report. It is expected that the Executive Board will take final action on proposed amendments (except transportation) at its Oct. 16 meeting. MTC will consider the transportation amendments beginning in December, with final ABAG action on transportation issues to come in April or May, 1976.

The corridor policies are the result of yearlong study by the Joint Policy Committee, which held three public discussions on the complicated development issues of the San Mateo coast.

Contra Costa cities name board alternate

Concord Vice Mayor Richard LaPointe has been named to the Executive Board as the alternate representative of Contra Costa's cities. He is alternate for Lafayette Councilman Ned Robinson on the board.

Three Citizen Alliance projects selected

Three projects have been selected for ABAG cosponsorship in the latest round of ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program.

The Citizen Services Committee approved a slide presentation and conference packet on community service as an alternative to jail for minor offenses. The presentation is being prepared by the Alameda County Volunteer Bureau.

A series of video tape presentations to involve minority communities in the planning process will be sponsored by the New Experience Project, a San Mateo minority media group.

Two day-long housing conferences giving senior citizen perspectives on the problems of new construction and housing conservation — sponsored by the El Cerrito Committee on Aging — will be held in September and October. The conferences will provide a forum for the draft housing conservation plan prepared by the City of El Cerrito and ABAG's Urbanization & Development Division.

Current Calendar

Executive Board	Thursday, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee	Thursday, Aug. 28, 4:00 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, Sept. 3, 3:00 p.m.

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Water quality planning

EPA's DeFalco stresses active participation

Achieving clean water goals in the Bay Area will require local governments and citizens to actively participate in ABAG's new areawide waste management planning process, says Paul DeFalco, regional administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"You will be spending the money awarded to ABAG to develop a truly regional, total environmental management system," DeFalco told Executive Board members last month.

Regional EPA Administrator Paul DeFalco explains importance of new Bay Area water quality program.

"You will not be spending the money to produce a book and file it on the shelf," he declared.

The Bay Area will receive one of the largest Federal grants in the country — $4.3 million over two years.

"The management process will ensure that decisions are implemented," he said. "Public participation is critical, because it is the people who must be served. The public will see that the solutions to these critical problems are implemented. The key is the development of a process from the bottom up, and not from the top down."

The grant will mean the Bay Area can develop a program to control urban and agricultural runoff and relate water quality decisions to planning for air quality, as required by Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

"Effective environmental planning will consider the impacts, the damages, the benefits and the costs from a total perspective," DeFalco said. "The planning process under 208 will enable the Bay Area to evaluate all the environmental aspects together to make the tradeoffs required for good environmental decision-making.

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Board approves first phase of Bay Area's housing element

. . . ensuring housing opportunities for all Bay Area residents.

The first phase of a regional housing element for the Bay Area was approved by the Executive Board last month following an hour-long public discussion that concentrated on the next steps in ABAG housing planning.

Several speakers and board members noted the difficulties involved in developing a housing allocation system during Phase II that can be used for distributing Federal and State housing subsidies to Bay Area cities and counties.

Technical and policy issues are involved in developing a system to distribute housing subsidies, and the board agreed that there must be a high degree of participation in that process by policy makers, citizens and local government technical staffs.

The development of the allocation system will be the first major step in completing the housing element. Other areas in the country already with such systems include Washington, D.C.; Dayton, Ohio; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.; and San Bernardino County. Regional Planning Committee Chairwoman Susanne Wilson of San Jose said Phase II should be ready for ABAG consideration next year.

ABAG planning director named

John H. "Skip" McKoy, who served as ABAG's acting planning director for the past seven months, was appointed Director of Planning and Programming by Executive Director Revan Tranter on Aug. 21.

"Since Skip took over as acting planning director, he has certainly demonstrated his administrative skill and abilities," said RPC Chairwoman Susanne Wilson. "I am delighted that he's been made planning director."

McKoy, who has a master's degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania, has worked at ABAG since January 1973. Previously, he was a project manager and planning consultant for The Match Institution, a Washington, D.C. minority planning and management consulting firm.

Citizen Alliance conferences

ABAG and the El Cerrito Citizens on Aging will sponsor two day-long conferences this month on "Housing the Elderly: Options for Cities." The first conference — on Oct. 10 — will focus on the need for new construction, and the second — on Oct. 24 — will deal with conservation of existing housing. Both will be held at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

A conference on "Bay Area Urban Growth: Yes or No, Up or Out?" will be held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at the San Franciscan Hotel, Civic Center, San Francisco. Principal sponsors include ABAG, the Henry George School of Economics, the Bay Area League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club Research Office and Public Interest Economics. Further information may be obtained from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

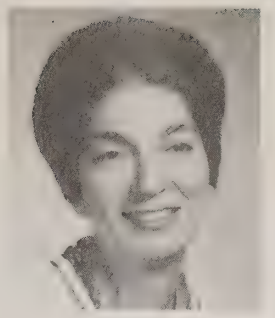
Three named to Executive Board

Three local elected officials have been chosen for the Executive Board.

Belvedere Councilwoman Sherry Levit is the new representative of Marin County's cities.

Alameda County Supervisor John D. Murphy has been named as the alternate for Supervisor Thomas H. Bates. San Mateo Mayor Jane Baker will be an alternate representative for San Mateo County's cities.

Air quality task force chosen



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An Air Quality Maintenance Task Force has been formed for the Bay Area to begin preparation of a plan to achieve Federal air quality standards.

Napa County Supervisor John Tuteur, Napa's representative and interim chairman of the task force, told the Executive Board last month that the first phase of the air quality maintenance planning program will take several months.

The 35-member temporary task force will define the Bay Area's long-term air quality problems and recommend how to carry out the air quality program through regional and local agencies.

ABAG's appointee to the task force is Hayward Mayor Ilene Weinreb.

ABAG's monthly newsletter has a new format and design. For a minimal cost, we can give readers more information in each issue, and we hope you think it an improvement in *Bay View*'s readability and appearance.

The Executive Board also:

reviewed 120 grant applications last month.

declined to rescind its April 17 action opposing the proposed Las Positas new town north of Livermore in Alameda County.

asked the Regional Planning Committee to consider reviewing the Livermore general plan.

approved procedures to the upcoming election for the presidency and vice presidency of ABAG. Local officials who wish to run for these offices can obtain nomination papers from Oct. 9 to Nov. 13. Balloting will be conducted between Dec. 15 and Jan. 19.

New ABAG report describes critical environmental areas

ABAG's Regional Open Space Task Force has completed two years' work on updating the Regional Plan with the publication of its report on *Areas of Critical Environmental Concern*.

The report defines ABAG objectives regarding sensitive land areas, and outlines a process for achieving them. It also presents criteria for evaluating the consistency of local plans and projects with regional objectives.

Seven types of lands are worthy of regional protection, the report declares. They are lands for resource production (including agriculture, mineral production, water supply, fish and marine resources, forests and energy); land for resource preservation (including fish and wildlife refuges, and wildlands and vegetation); lands for health, welfare and well-being (covering air quality, water quality and waste disposal); lands for public safety; regional recreation and parks; scenic resources and the regional landscape; and sites of historic and cultural value.

The report is keyed to open space and critical land issues, but covers only land areas in the Bay Area having regionally important environmental characteristics.

ABAG staff will be discussing the report with local governments in the coming months. Citizen comments are also invited. Copies of the report are available at no charge from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

ABAG to consider transportation amendments this month

A public discussion on proposed amendments to the ABAG Regional Transportation Element will be conducted by the Executive Board this month.

The proposed amendments cover revisions to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Transportation Plan, adopted by MTC in March. They include policies on airports, seaports and transportation control.

The airport amendments approved by MTC reduce the forecast for 1985 passenger demand to 37-43 million annual passengers. The largest reduction is allocated to Oakland International Airport, where projected volume would drop to 7-8 million annual passengers from the current 24 million.

Napa County Airport would be removed as a potential site for a north bay airport to serve up to 1 million annual passengers. These sites are left as options for a potential north bay airport: Hamilton and Travis Air Force Bases, and Sonoma County Airport at Santa Rosa.

Two selected for committees

Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon has been named by President Warren Boggess as the new chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Contra Costa County Supervisor James Kenny was also named to the Finance and Personnel Committee. The appointments were confirmed by the Executive Board last month.

Calendar

Work Program & Coordination Committee	Thursday, Sept. 11, 3:00 p.m.
Bay Delta Resources Recovery Board	Wednesday, Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Board	Thursday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Manpower Roundtable	Wednesday, Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee	Wednesday, Sept. 24, 4:00 p.m.
ABAG / MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee	Friday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m.
ABAG / MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, Oct. 1, 3:00 p.m.

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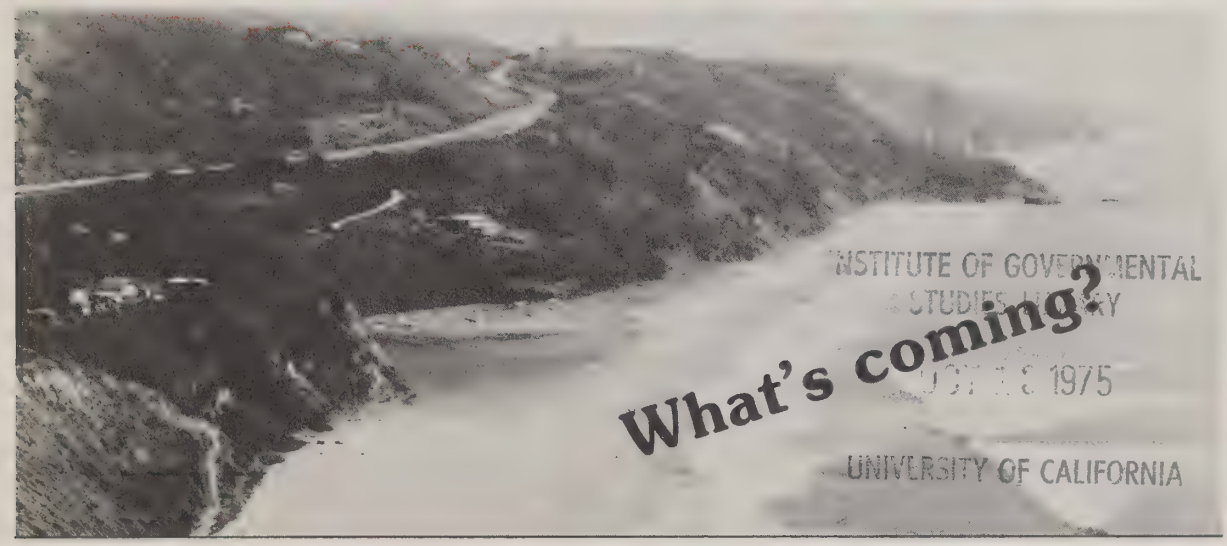

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Board tackles San Mateo coastal policies

Major land use policies for the San Mateo coastal area will be considered by ABAG's Executive Board at a public discussion this month.

The policies are part of a package of amendments recommended to ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission by the two agencies' Joint Policy Committee. The committee has completed a year-long study of transportation and land use issues affecting the future of the San Mateo coastside.

The recommendations to be considered by the Executive Board during the Oct. 16 meeting generally recommend that urbanization be limited to the existing cities of Pacifica and Half Moon Bay and the unincorporated communities of Montara, Moss Beach and El Granada.

The policies provide that, to carry out this recommendation, there would be no expansion of wastewater treatment facilities until the San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission establishes urban area service boundaries on the coast.

Also recommended are policies that would provide significant preservation of the coast's natural and scenic resources.

The transportation policies provide that increases in highway capacities would be considered after 1990, and public transit along the coast would be encouraged.

MTC will consider the transportation amendments contained in the Joint Policy Committee's recommendations beginning in December. Final ABAG action on the transportation amendments is expected in April or May of 1976.

10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 KPIX (5)

A unique experiment in mass citizen participation will begin this month with a television program on the future of the Bay Area.

The project is called "We the People: Bay Area Year 2000." A series of television programs on Channel 5 (KPIX) will look at the Bay Area's future through such issues as the economy and environment, our educational system and citizen access to government.

The first show will be called "Eyewitness News: Year 2000." It will be shown at 10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, on Channel 5.

Several more programs will be televised in January, and the Bay Area Leagues of Women Voters will be organizing more than 100 followup discussion sessions throughout the Bay Area during that month.

ABAG is a member of the project steering committee, and the entire project is coordinated by the Leagues of Women Voters and the California Council for the Humanities in Public Policy.

Additional information is available from We the People at 111 New Montgomery St., San Francisco 94105 or by calling 543-7000.

ABAG's top slots open

Nomination papers for ABAG's presidency and vice presidency must be received by Nov. 13.

Nomination petitions may be circulated by any mayor, councilmember or supervisor of an ABAG member jurisdiction. Bay Area registered voters living in member jurisdictions are also eligible to hold the two top ABAG posts.

Nomination papers may be picked up in person from ABAG's Executive Director beginning Oct. 9. They require the signatures of 15 mayors, councilmembers or supervisors — who cannot sign more than one petition for each office.

AB 625 stalls in State Senate

A bill merging ABAG with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency stalled in the State Senate last month.

The author, Assemblyman John Knox, obtained permission to have the bill reconsidered in January when the legislature reconvenes.

The Assembly by a vote of 41-36 approved a conference committee version of the bill.

The committee was formed after the Assembly declined to accept Senate provisions for a referendum on creating the combined agency. It substituted a referendum in 1978 on the regional plan prepared by the agency — which would have cease-and-desist powers if voters were to approve the plan.

Proponents of the bill were able to obtain only 13 votes on the Senate floor, with several friendly senators absent and 21 needed for passage.

ABAG's Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee is studying alternative approaches to regional organization questions if AB 625 fails in the Senate next year.

Newest city joins ABAG

The Bay Area's newest city — the Town of Moraga — last month joined ABAG, which now represents 85 of the 93 Bay Area cities and 7 of the 9 counties.

Moraga, incorporated in 1974, previously had been the largest non-member city. The remaining eight non-member cities all have fewer than 10,000 residents.

"Naturally I am quite pleased that the Town Council of Moraga voted unanimously to join ABAG," said President Warren Boggess. "It means that all cities in Contra Costa County now will be participating in making regional decisions that affect them."

EPA Administrator Russell Train discusses Bay Area problems

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency, accompanied by Regional EPA Administrator Paul DeFalco, talked to Bay Area local elected officials and citizens last month. "We're all struggling with the question of how to make tradeoffs in environmental decision-making," Train (top photo) told a special audience. "There are no magic answers . . . We're trying a number of approaches." San Jose Councilwoman Susanne Wilson (center in bottom photo) explained how cities are affected by Federal regulations.

Executive Board postpones vote on airport policies

ABAG's Executive Board last month called for further study of proposed amendments to its Regional Transportation Element.

Several board members said they want county airport land use commissions to review the recommended amendments. Affected jurisdictions may also develop additional information.

The proposed amendments cover revisions to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Transportation Plan. The plan was revised by MTC in March.

A central issue in the airport amendments is the future of Hamilton Air Force Base. The MTC plan, as revised, keeps the air base among the options for a north bay facility that could be developed to accommodate up to 1 million passengers a year by 1985. Napa County Airport was removed by MTC as an option for such a facility.

Marin County and the City of Novato had previously urged ABAG to remove Hamilton from consideration as a future commercial air facility. Councilwoman Gail Wilhelm and County Administrator John Barrows expressed appreciation for the board's decision to consider the amendments at its Nov. 20 meeting.

Bay Area urban growth: Yes or No? Up or Out?

Will the Bay Area grow or not? Will it grow straight up or sprawl out?

These are the key questions to be discussed at a two-day conference on revitalizing Bay Area cities. The conference will be held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at the PSA Hotel San Franciscan in San Francisco.

Major speakers include California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk; San Jose Mayor Janet Gray Hayes; Napa County Supervisor John Tuteur; and Robert Burco, Oregon deputy transportation director. Respondents to the papers presented include Sierra Club legislative representative John Zierold, sociologist Nina J. Gruen, San Francisco businessman Alvin Duskin, architect Piero Patri, East Bay Municipal Utility District Director Helen Burke, and Napa County Supervisor Virginia Simms.

Registration before Oct. 27 is $10, and registration at the conference is $15. Further information is available from ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730.

Conference to explore options for housing elderly

Options for smaller cities in housing the elderly will be discussed at two day-long conferences to be held this month by ABAG and the El Cerrito Committee on Aging.

The question of whether new construction is an option will be the topic of the first session, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Keynote speaker will be Gladys Worthington, county operations director of the Bay Area Social Planning Council.

The second conference — to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 — will concentrate on the "facts and fears" of housing conservation. ABAG staff member Helen Manning, an expert in the field of housing conservation, will be the principal speaker.

Further information on the free conferences is available from the El Cerrito Committee on Aging at 234-7447 or ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730.

The Executive Board also:

reviewed 77 grant applications last month.

ratified Redwood City Councilwoman Mary Henderson's appointment of Sunnyvale Councilman Lawrence Stone as her alternate on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

approved the annual audit report — a necessary part of ABAG's financial management system. "It was a very clean report," said Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon, chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

chose Feb. 12 for the next General Assembly.

current calendar

Housing the Elderly Conference	Friday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.
Manpower Roundtable	Wednesday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.
Executive Board	Thursday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Delegates Forum	Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee	Thursday, Oct. 23, 4 p.m.
Housing the Elderly Conference	Friday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m.
Civil Preparedness Technical Advisory Committee	Tuesday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.
Urban Growth Conference	Friday, Oct. 31, 8:30 a.m.

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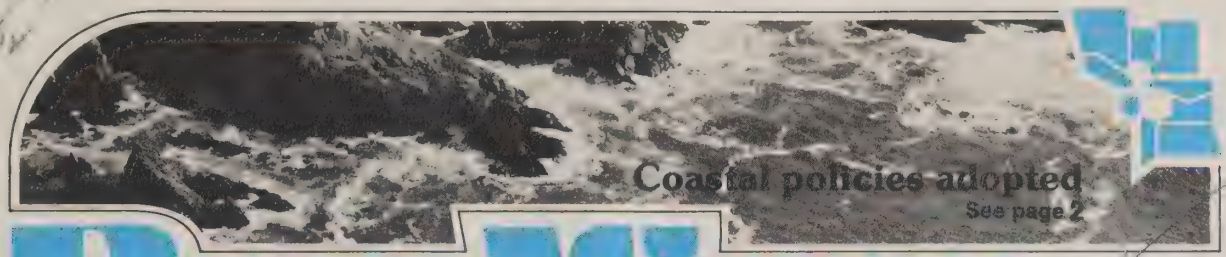

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Development issues attract attention

ABAG increasingly in the past few months has been addressing environmental quality and development issues raised by the Bay Area's local governments.

ABAG attention has been concentrated on three major proposals affecting the region's future — besides the adoption last month of development policies for the San Mateo coast.

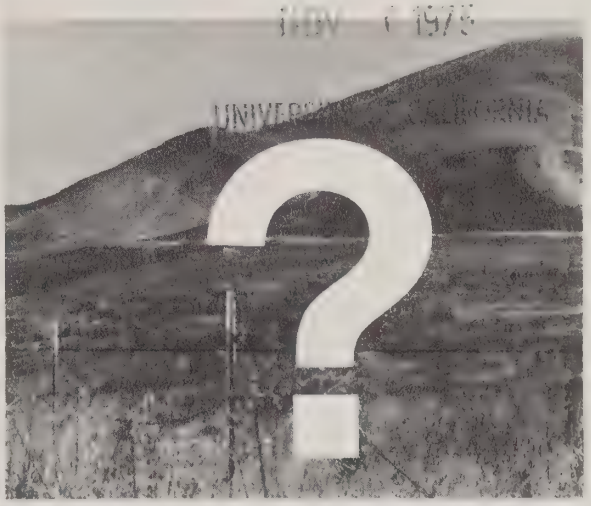
Here's where the development issues stand and what ABAG is doing about them:

Airport amendments

The Executive Board this month will consider proposed amendments to its Regional Transportation Element, including an amendment for north bay airport service.

The proposed amendments cover revisions to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Transportation Plan. The plan was revised by MTC in March, and the 1985 forecasts for all Bay Area airports were substantially reduced.

Hamilton AFB: A regional airport?



Will San Bruno Mountain be developed?

The major controversy in the airport amendments is the future of Hamilton Air Force Base at Novato in Marin County. The MTC plan, as revised, keeps the air base among three options for a north bay facility that could be developed to accommodate up to 1 million annual passengers by 1985. MTC removed Napa County Airport as an option for such a facility.

Marin County and the City of Novato have urged ABAG to strike Hamilton from

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Development issues

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consideration as a future commercial air facility. In September the Executive Board called for further study of the proposed amendments and postponed a vote on the policies until the Nov. 20 meeting.

The ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee on Oct. 3 urged that a thorough study be made of airport service for the north bay. The committee suggested that the study cover commuter airline issues and ground transportation access to airports. The MTC study, if undertaken, would involve substantial participation by ABAG and by local governments, the committee recommended.

San Bruno Mountain

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors, acting over the objection of Mayor Joseph Alioto, has asked for a new look at the proposal by Visitacion Associates to develop San Bruno Mountain in San Mateo County.

The resolution, approved by the board of supervisors Oct. 11, requested ABAG to review the proposal as it affects San Francisco. San Mateo County was urged to include a discussion of the impacts on San Francisco in a draft environmental impact report on the San Bruno Mountain development.

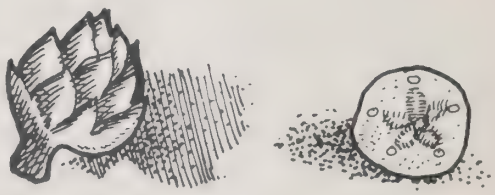
Pastures north of Livermore

Speakers debate coast policies

ABAG's Regional Planning Committee will decide at its Nov. 5 meeting whether and how an ABAG review of the project could be undertaken to provide information to San Francisco and San Mateo Counties.

San Mateo coastal policies

Major development policies for the San Mateo coast from Pacifica to Half Moon Bay were unanimously approved by the Executive Board last month.



The policies provide for coordinated provision of urban services such as wastewater treatment, water supply and transportation.

Urbanization would be limited to the existing cities of Pacifica and Half Moon Bay and the unincorporated communities of Montara, Moss Beach and El Granada. The new ABAG policies provide for significant preservation of the coast's natural and scenic resources.

Transportation policies (which first must be approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission before final ABAG action in April or May of next year) provide that increased highway capacity for the coast would be considered after 1990. Public transit would be encouraged.

Population figures, which are used to determine capacities for water, wastewater and highway services, are to be reviewed later based upon new census information.

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Development issues

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Livermore general plan review

The City of Livermore's new general plan will be reviewed by ABAG's Regional Planning Committee. The committee on Oct. 1 learned that the proposed major revisions to the Livermore plan will be available this month. RPC asked staff to report to the committee at its December meeting on the proposed revisions.

Responding to a request by Alameda County Supervisor Fred Cooper, the RPC also agreed to try to coordinate the Livermore plan review with the pending specific plan required by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for the area north of Livermore.

The review of the Las Positas specific plan was provided for by the Executive Board's April 17 action opposing at this time the development of a major new community — Las Positas — north of Livermore. Subsequently, Alameda supervisors asked that the Livermore general plan also be reviewed.

Local officials win honors

Janet Gray Hayes

Mary Henderson

San Jose Mayor Janet Gray Hayes, an active member of ABAG'S Executive Board, this month will be presented with the annual citation of the Alumni Association, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago. Redwood City Councilwoman Mary Henderson — who serves on several ABAG committees — was named by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to represent local governments on the board of the new State Housing Finance Agency.

ABAG was among the groups nominating Mrs. Hayes for the citation and Mrs. Henderson to her new position.

Citizen projects sought

Citizen groups throughout the Bay Area have until Dec. 8 to apply for the next phase of ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program.

The program makes $6,000 available in ABAG staff assistance for the period from January to June. Eligible activities include conferences, seminars and workshops on issues of regional significance. Communication tools such as slide shows are also eligible.

Applications will be considered by the Citizen Services Committee at its December meeting. The committee last month evaluated the program and found it highly successful in reaching citizens and citizen organizations on regional planning issues.

Here's a report on one of the recent citizen projects:

Housing the elderly

Fifty-four percent of the nearly 500,000 Bay Area residents 60 years and older have incomes of less than $3,000 a year and have trouble finding decent housing, says a Bay Area Social Planning Council consultant.

Mrs. Gladys Worthington told a conference audience last month that cities should provide housing designed specifically for senior citizens, so that single-family homes can be made available to younger families who can afford to improve the homes.

The conference was sponsored by the El Cerrito Committee on Aging and ABAG.

The Executive Board also:

reviewed 85 grant applications last month.

accepted a report by consultants Harold Wise and Thomas Fletcher on how to reorganize the agency to perform the planning required by ABAG's designation as the water quality planning agency under Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. Final action on associated personnel matters will be taken this month.

ABAG sponsors job roundtables

ABAG is cosponsoring a series of manpower roundtables to assist major local governments in programs funded by the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

The workshops emphasize information-sharing among local officials implementing employment programs and technical assistance.

Among the topics being covered by the scheduled roundtables are approaches to day care, organizational structure and staff, and management information systems.

See the Current Calendar for meeting times and dates.

New community development procedures ready

Procedures to be used by ABAG to review next year's community development applications may be obtained from the Planning Director's Office.

Procedures for handling applications and accompanying environmental documents have been revised to reflect changes in Federal regulations and ABAG's experience handling the applications during the first year of the new Federal program. Among the most important differences is that 60 days will be allowed to review the applications. Last year, only 45 days were provided.

Citizen groups need to be aware of the changes so they may comment on the applications at the appropriate times during the reviews.

Current calendar

Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m.
Manpower Roundtable	Wednesday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.
Work Program & Coordination Committee	Thursday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m.
Executive Board	Thursday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Manpower Roundtable	Wednesday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m.

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Study examines major programs

Bay Area 'roughly' gets its share of Federal funds

The San Francisco Bay Area's share of Federal funding in major grant and loan programs has been decreasing in recent years, although the region is receiving total Federal funds roughly proportional to the Bay Area's share of the nation's population. Obviously, some programs receive less, and some more, than a pro-rata share.

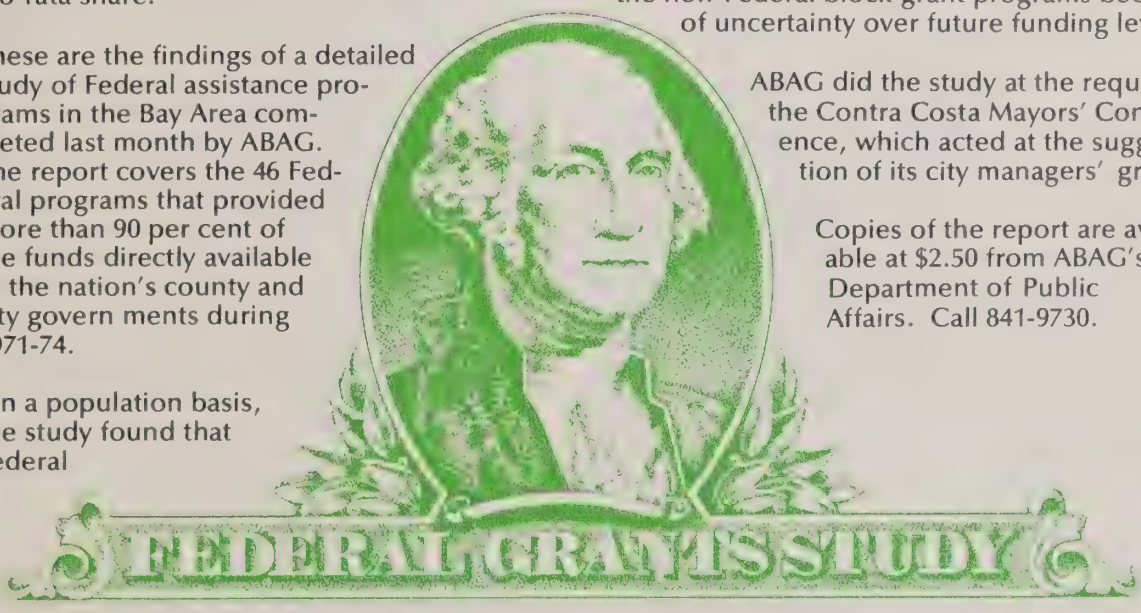
These are the findings of a detailed study of Federal assistance programs in the Bay Area completed last month by ABAG. The report covers the 46 Federal programs that provided more than 90 per cent of the funds directly available to the nation's county and city govern ments during 1971-74.

On a population basis, the study found that Federal assistance to local governments in the Bay Area was very unevenly distributed among the nine counties. The report also found that a population basis alone is not the only way to assess the adequacy of funding.

The report recommends careful monitoring of the new Federal block grant programs because of uncertainty over future funding levels.

ABAG did the study at the request of the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference, which acted at the suggestion of its city managers' group.

Copies of the report are available at $2.50 from ABAG's Department of Public Affairs. Call 841-9730.



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Macris named Associate Executive Director

San Francisco Planning Director and former ABAG Executive Board member Dean L. Macris was named ABAG's Associate Executive Director by Executive Director Revan Tranter last month.

Macris was Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Development from October 1972 to December 1974. He also served as Assistant Director for Plans and Programs in the city planning department, and was for two years the Assistant Commissioner of Chicago Department of Development and Planning before coming to San Francisco in 1968.

A graduate of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, Macris has a master's degree in city planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Two posts, two candidates

Two candidates filed for the ABAG presidency and vice presidency last month. Vice President Lenard Grote, mayor of Pleasant Hill, is the only candidate for president. Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon is the only candidate for vice president. Voting will take place between December 19 and January 19, and ballots counted the afternoon of January 19.

Census workshop

Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon was one of the principal speakers at a two-day conference in October sponsored by ABAG and the U.S. Census Bureau. The conference was held to promote applications by local government officials of geographically based Census computer programs and to encourage local governments to update the information contained in the files.

Interns placed

Seven minority interns have been placed in Bay Area planning and public administration through this year's work study program sponsored by ABAG and three Bay Area universities.

The program is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Chan

Diaz

Ferguson

Greer

Oakes

Shiu

Williams

Michael Chan, a graduate student in the UC Berkeley City and Regional Planning Department, is working in the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. David Diaz, also a graduate student in the UC City and Regional Planning Department, has been assigned to the El Cerrito Planning Department.

Elaine Ferguson, a graduate student in public administration at Cal State Hayward, is working in the El Cerrito City Manager's Office. Leon Greer, also a public administration graduate student at Cal State, is working in the Alameda County Administrator's Office.

Katherine Oakes, a Stanford graduate student in business administration, is working for the assistant city manager of Menlo Park. Another Stanford business administration graduate student, Michael Shiu, is working for the City of Palo Alto Budget and Staff Services Office.

Phyllis Williams, a public administration graduate student at Cal State, is assigned to the Richmond City Manager's office.

John Tolan retires

San Francisco Deputy Mayor John Tolan, a member of ABAG's Executive Board since 1968, was honored last month by the board for service to the Bay Area. Tolan, retired Nov. 25 after seven years as Deputy of Development in the Mayor's Office in San Francisco. "We have developed a rather great affection for each other," Tolan told board members, "because of the volunteer nature of this organization and the fact that without a mandate and without tremendous powers or sanctions . . . we have hammered out resolutions and solutions which I think have been of great benefit to the entire region and certainly the cities of the region."

ABAG forms new human services group

Seventeen Bay Area residents have been named to a new human services task force, formed last month by ABAG to provide policy direction for the agency's human services planning efforts.

The task force chairman is Campbell Mayor Russell Hammer. Other elected officials appointed to the task force by President Warren Boggess are Berkeley Councilwoman Carol Davis, Richmond Mayor Gary Fernandez, Novato Councilwoman Gail Wilhelm, Napa Supervisor Virginia Simms, San Francisco Supervisor Ronald Pelosi, San Mateo Supervisor John Ward and Vallejo Councilman Larry Asera.

Non-elected representatives on the task force are George Bleth, director of the Alameda County Human Services Council project; Gary Brown, Contra Costa County management analyst; Andrew Eber, United Way director of intergovernmental relations; Charles Forester, director of the San Francisco Mayor's Clearinghouse; John G. Gee, project manager for Santa Clara County's needs assessment and capacity building project; Alice Gonzales, director of the Daly City Community Service Center; William Gooch, grants manager for Sonoma County People for Economic Opportunity Inc.; Robert Smith, staff assistant for the State Office of Economic Opportunity; and Flores Webb, a Richmond resident.

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General Assembly

Bay Area elected officials and citizens will be able to explore the potential affects of a major earthquake in the Bay Area at ABAG's forthcoming General Assembly. The topic for the General Assembly is "On Shaky Ground."

Technical workshops will be held on February 11, with general sessions and the business sessions the following day. All meetings will be held at the award-winning Oakland Museum. Further information will be available in next month's **Bay View.**

Airport amendments

Hamilton Air Force Base will be kept as an option for a North Bay airport — at least until completion of a proposed study by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The study will address commuter airline issues and ground transportation access to airports from the North Bay counties.

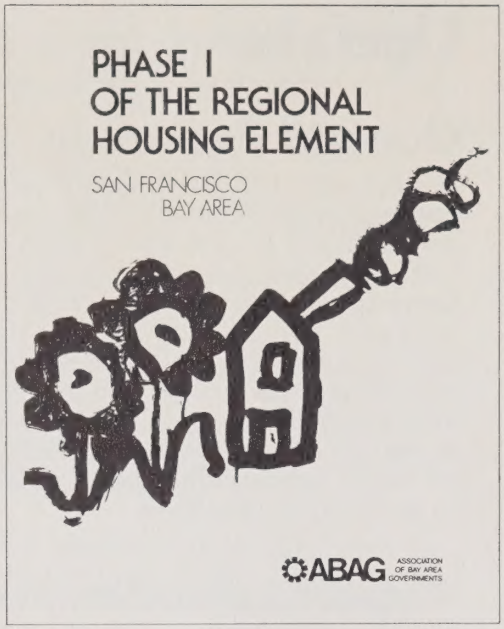
The Executive Board last month adopted the MTC amendments, which reduce the 1985 forecasts for all Bay Area airports, but keep Hamilton Air Force Base at Novato as one of three options for a North Bay facility that could be developed to accommodate up to one million annual passengers by 1985.

The board tabled a motion by Supervisor John Tuteur of Napa County to limit the study to air facilities at Santa Rosa and Fairfield, excluding Hamilton Air Force Base and Napa County Airport from consideration.

San Bruno review

ABAG's Regional Planning Committee will undertake a review of San Mateo County environmental documents prepared for a proposal by Visitacion Associates to develop San Bruno Mountain in San Mateo County.

RPC, responding to a request from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, will examine the documents to see if they adequately address the potential impacts of the development on San Francisco. The committee hopes to complete its work in January, prior to a San Mateo County decision on whether the development proposal may proceed.



New publications available

Copies of the following new ABAG publications are available from ABAG's Public Affairs Department:

- Phase I of the Regional Housing Element, $2 handling charge.
- Bay Area Directory of local officials (computerized), with three updates a year and a three-ring binder, $20.
- San Mateo Coast Corridor Evaluation Report, $2.50
- San Mateo Corridor Summary, $1.50.
- Federal Grants Study, $2.50.

current calendar

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ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, Dec 10, 3 p.m.
Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee	Thursday, Dec. 11, 4 p.m.
Projections Technical Advisory Committee	Wednesday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
Bay Delta Resource Recovery Board	Wednesday, Dec. 17, 9:30 a.m.
Citizen Services Committee	Thursday, Dec. 18, 4 p.m.
Executive Board	Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, Jan. 7, 3 p.m.

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